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While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the arachnid's powers... and had, in effect, become a human spider...

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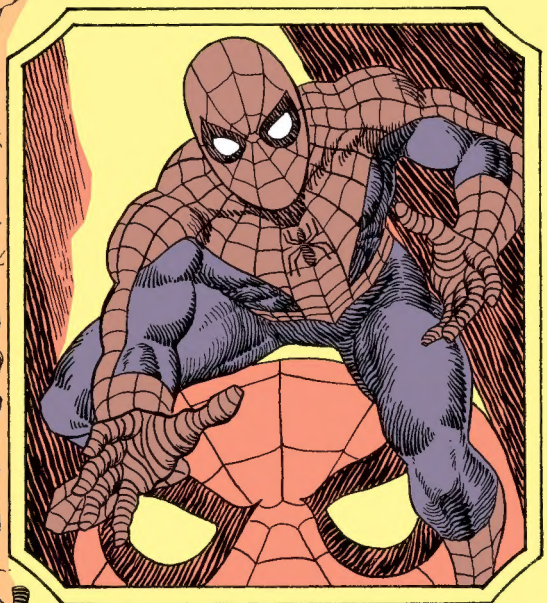
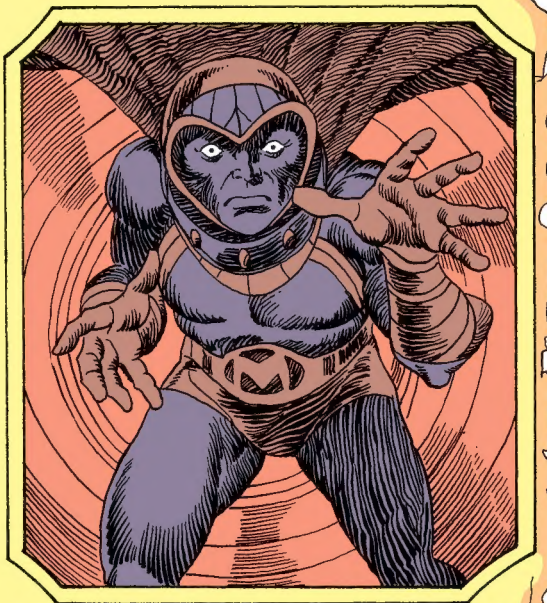
MESMERO
(FORMERLY A WELL-REGARDED X-MEN NEMESIS)





THE PRESENT PROGRAMME SHOWN UNDER THE TITLE:

MESMERO'S REVENGE!

A PLEASING SERIES OF THRILLS IS PROMISED TO THE PUBLIC!

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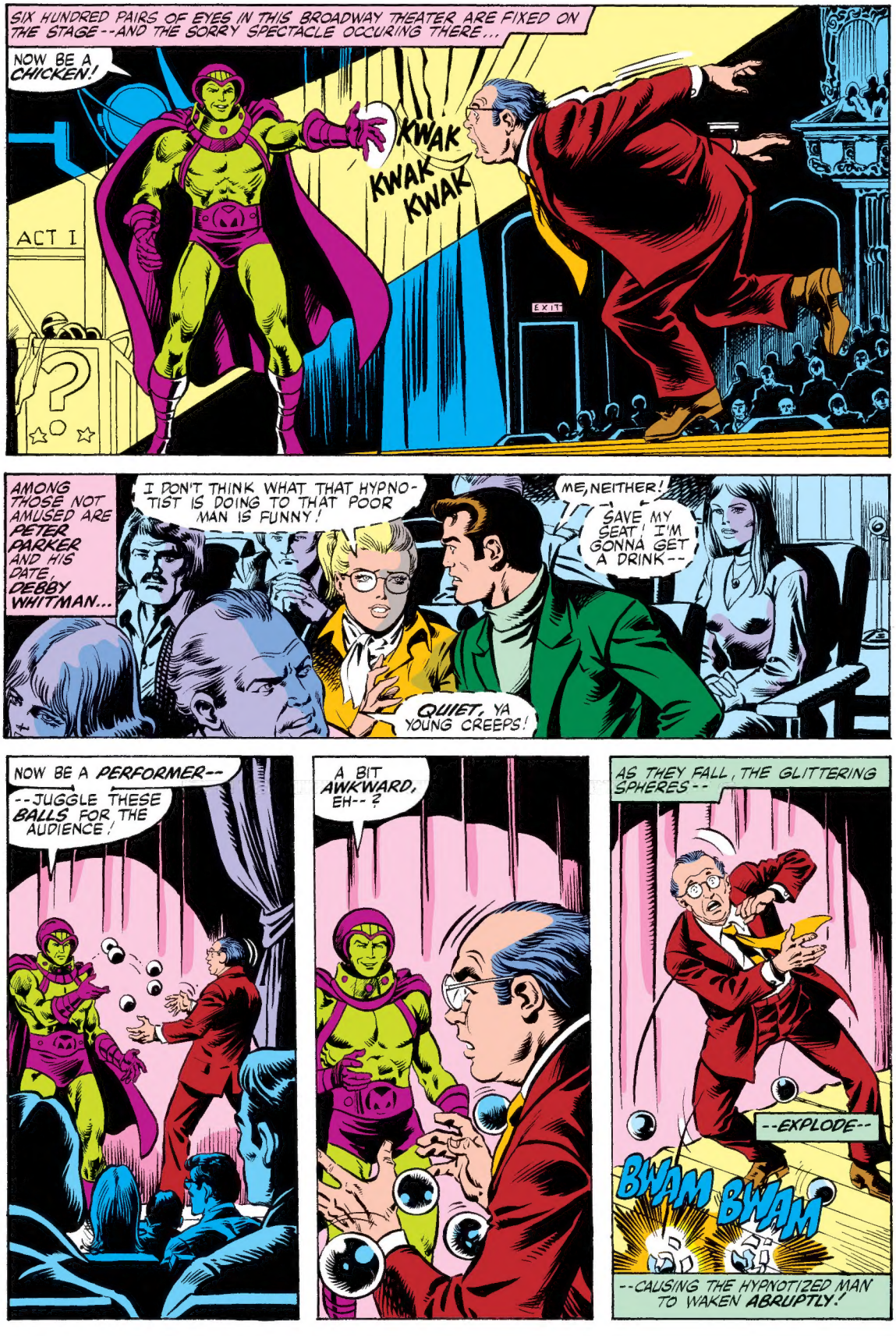
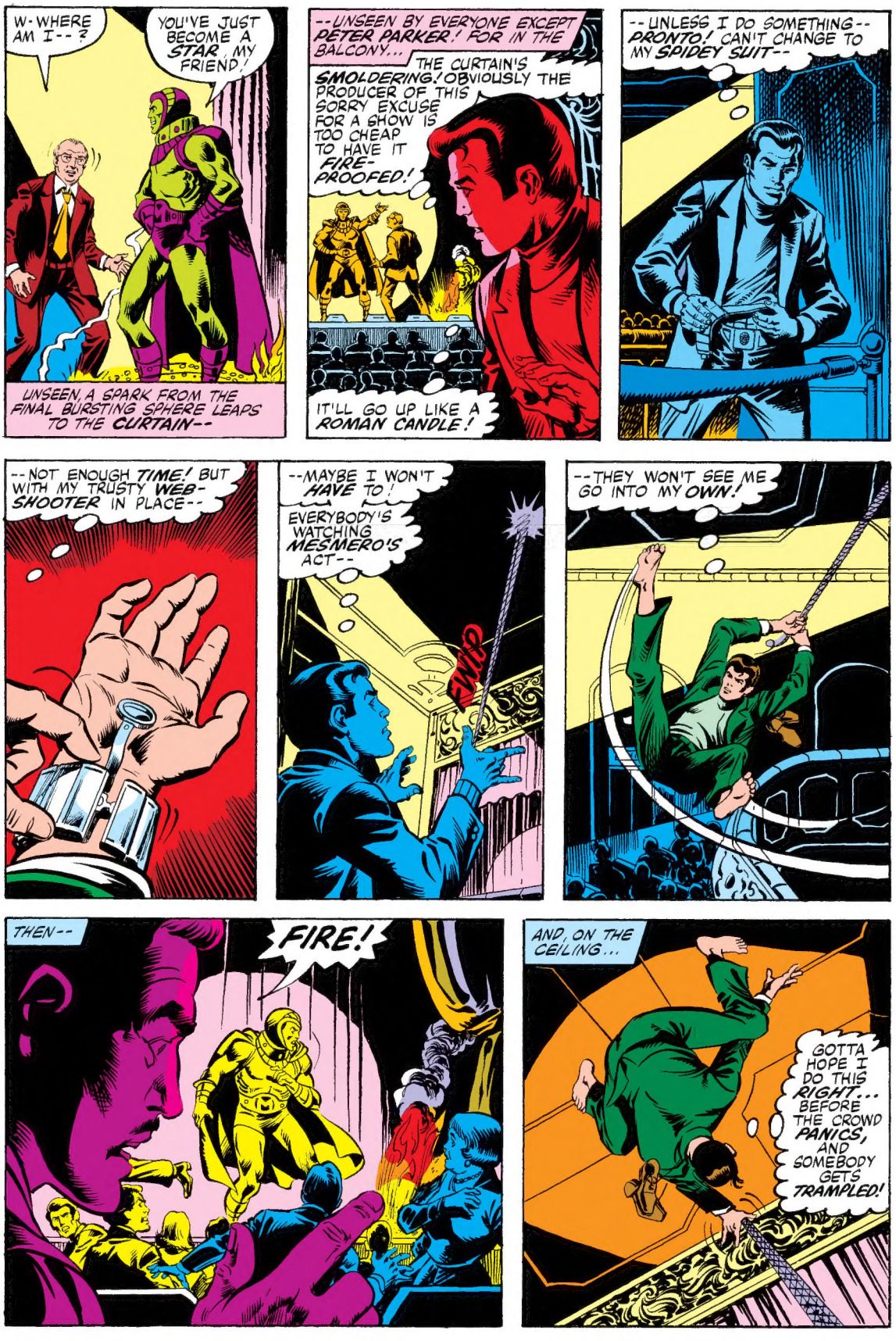
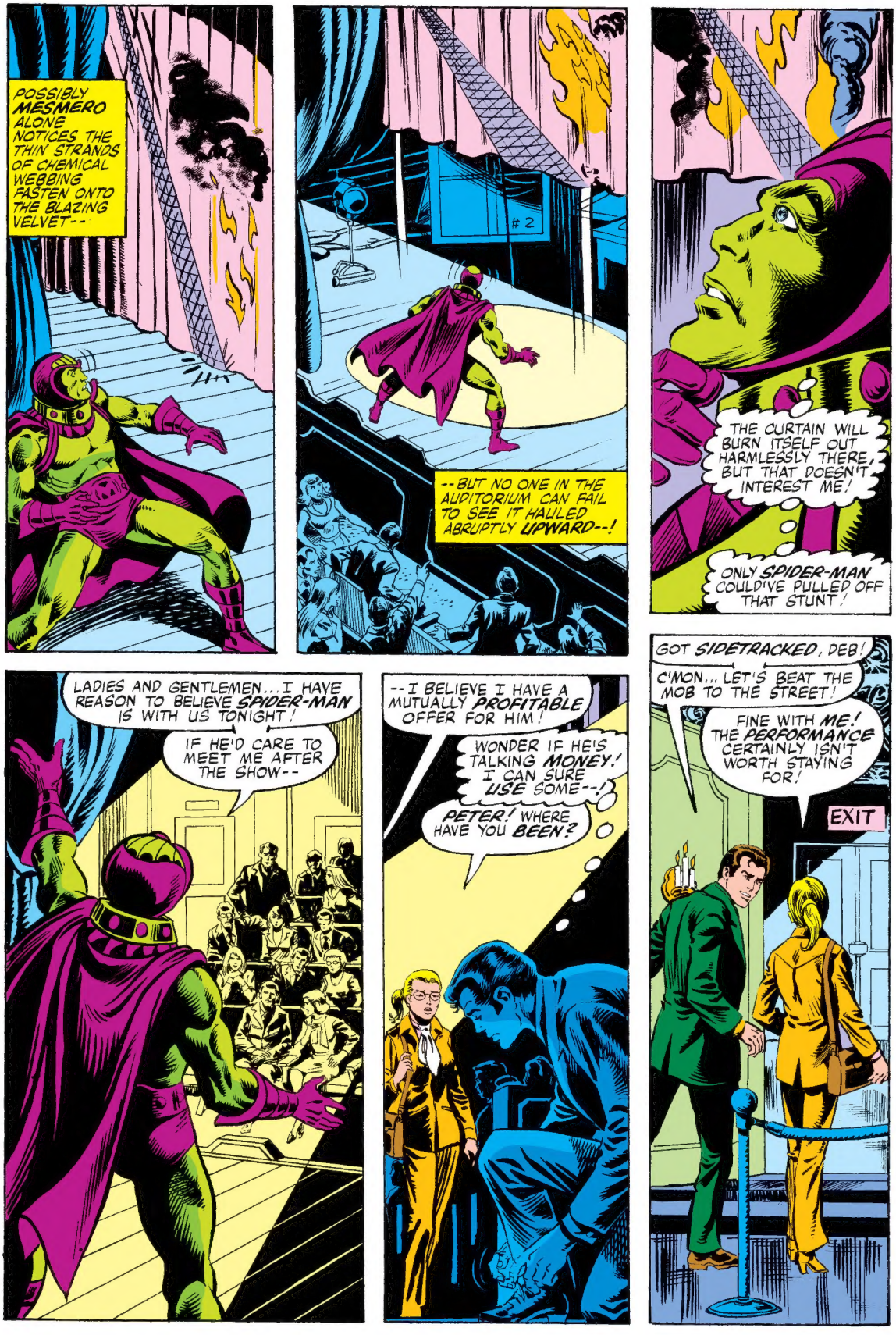
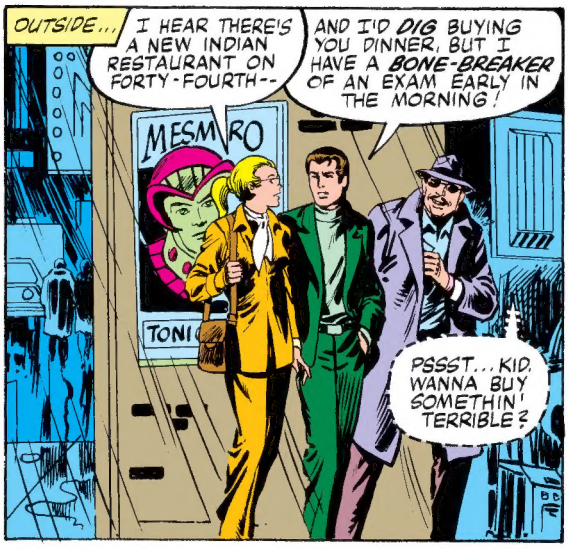
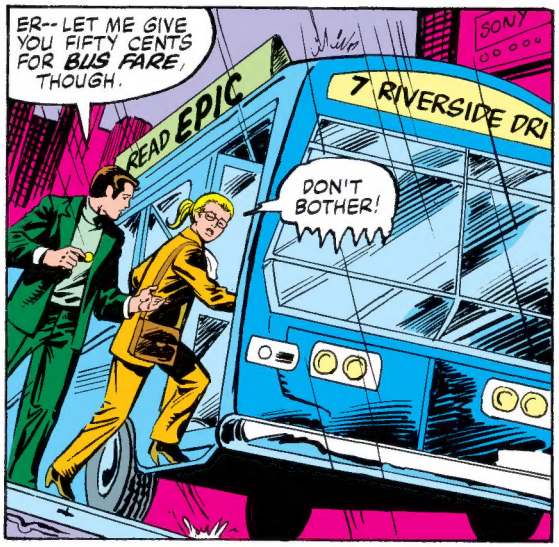

SIX HUNDRED PAIRS OF EYES IN THIS BROADWAY THEATER ARE FIXED ON THE STAGE--AND THE SORRY SPECTACLE OCCURING THERE...
NOW BE A CHICKEN!
KWAK KWAK KWAK
ACT I
EXIT
AMONG THOSE NOT AMUSED ARE PETER PARKER AND HIS DATE, DEBBY WHITMAN...
I DON'T THINK WHAT THAT HYPNOTIST IS DOING TO THAT POOR MAN IS FUNNY!
ME, NEITHER! SAVE MY SEAT! I'M GONNA GET A DRINK--
QUIET, YA YOUNG CREEPS!
NOW BE A PERFORMER--
--JUGGLE THESE BALLS FOR THE AUDIENCE!
A BIT AWKWARD, EH--?
AS THEY FALL, THE GLITTERING SPHERES--
--EXPLODE--
BWAM BWAM
--CAUSING THE HYPNOTIZED MAN TO WAKEN ABRUPTLY!

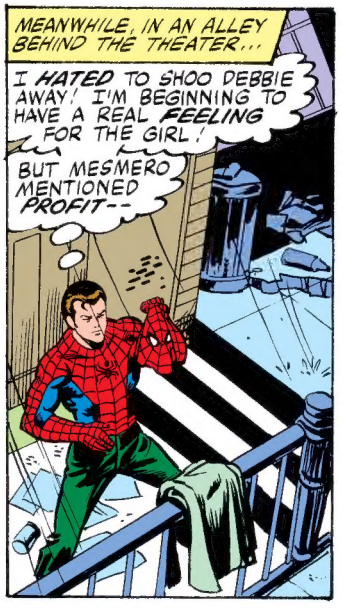

W-WHERE AM I--?
YOU'VE JUST BECOME A STAR, MY FRIEND!
UNSEEN, A SPARK FROM THE FINAL BURSTING SPHERE LEAPS TO THE CURTAIN--
--UNSEEN BY EVERYONE EXCEPT PETER PARKER! FOR IN THE BALCONY...
THE CURTAIN'S SMOLDERING! OBVIOUSLY THE PRODUCER OF THIS SORRY EXCUSE FOR A SHOW IS TOO CHEAP TO HAVE IT FIRE-PROOFED!
IT'LL GO UP LIKE A ROMAN CANDLE!
--UNLESS I DO SOMETHING-- PRONTO! CAN'T CHANGE TO MY SPIDEY SUIT--
--NOT ENOUGH TIME! BUT WITH MY TRUSTY WEB-SHOOTER IN PLACE--
--MAYBE I WON'T HAVE TO!
EVERYBODY'S WATCHING MESMERO'S ACT--
ZWIP
--THEY WON'T SEE ME GO INTO MY OWN!
THEN--
FIRE!
AND, ON THE CEILING...
GOTTA HOPE I DO THIS RIGHT... BEFORE THE CROWD PANICS, AND SOMEBODY GETS TRAMPLED!

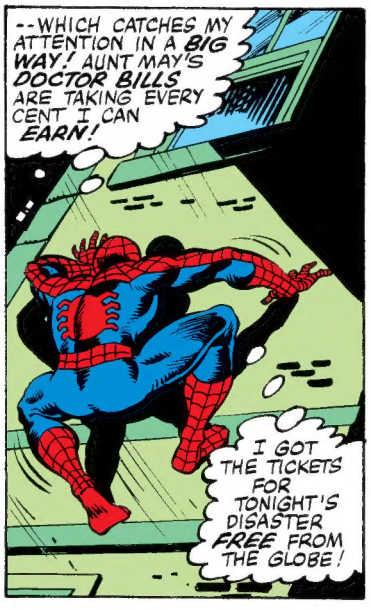

POSSIBLY MESMERO ALONE NOTICES THE THIN STRANDS OF CHEMICAL WEBBING FASTEN ONTO THE BLAZING VELVET--
#2
--BUT NO ONE IN THE AUDITORIUM CAN FAIL TO SEE IT HAULED ABRUPTLY UPWARD--!
THE CURTAIN WILL BURN ITSELF OUT HARMLESSLY THERE, BUT THAT DOESN'T INTEREST ME!
ONLY SPIDER-MAN COULD'VE PULLED OFF THAT STUNT!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE SPIDER-MAN IS WITH US TONIGHT!
IF HE'D CARE TO MEET ME AFTER THE SHOW--
--I BELIEVE I HAVE A MUTUALLY PROFITABLE OFFER FOR HIM!
WONDER IF HE'S TALKING MONEY! I CAN SURE USE SOME--!
PETER! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
GOT SIDETRACKED, DEB!
C'MON... LET'S BEAT THE MOB TO THE STREET!
FINE WITH ME! THE PERFORMANCE CERTAINLY ISN'T WORTH STAYING FOR!
EXIT

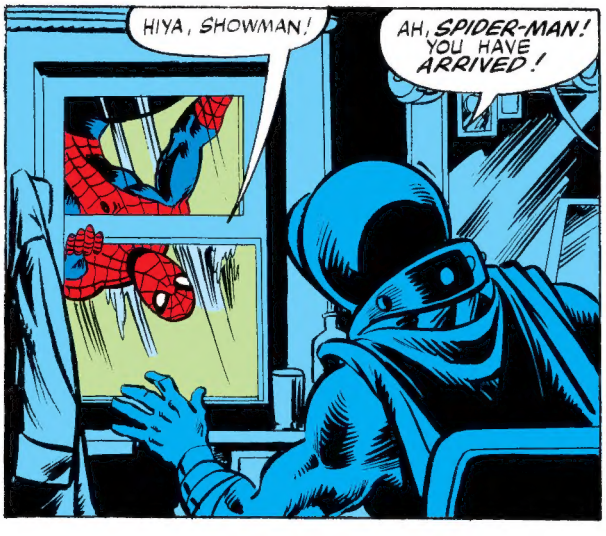

OUTSIDE...
I HEAR THERE'S A NEW INDIAN RESTAURANT ON FORTY-FOURTH--
AND I'D DIG BUYING YOU DINNER, BUT I HAVE A BONE-BREAKER OF AN EXAM EARLY IN THE MORNING!
MESMERO
PSSST... KID, WANNA BUY SOMETHIN' TERRIBLE?


ER--LET ME GIVE YOU FIFTY CENTS FOR BUS FARE, THOUGH.
READ EPIC
7 RIVERSIDE DRI
SONY
DON'T BOTHER!

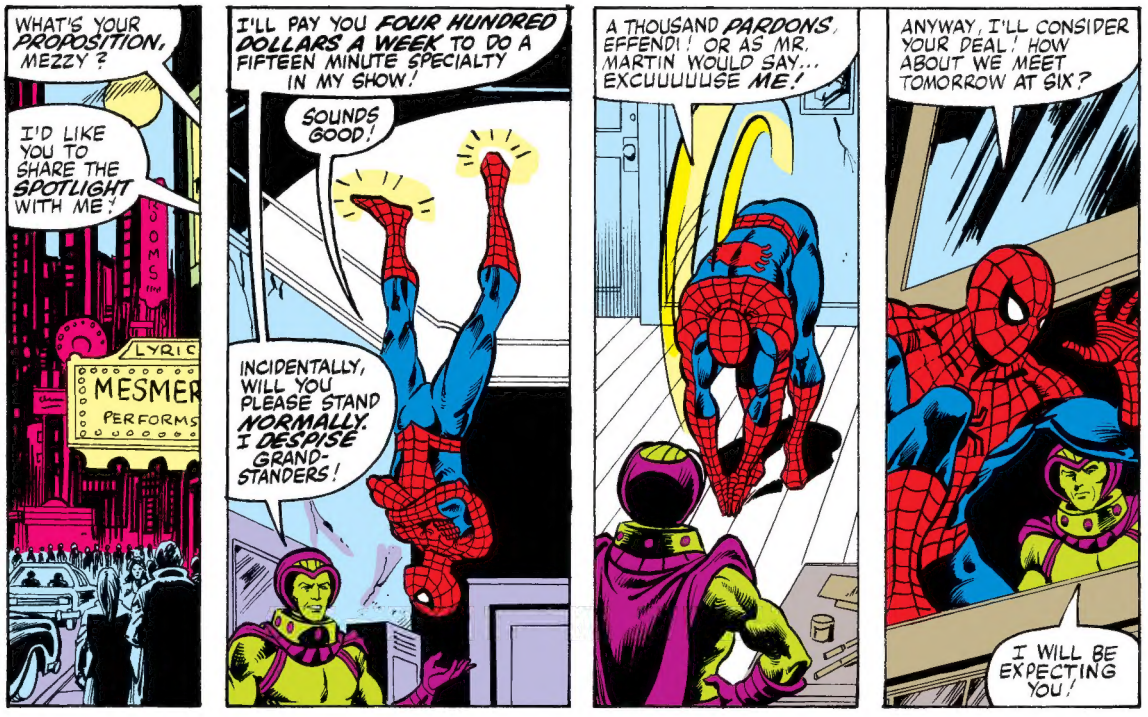
I HAPPEN TO KNOW HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY EXAMINATIONS TOMORROW! I GUESS HE JUST GOT TIRED OF MY COMPANY!
THAT'S CERTAINLY NOT UNUSUAL!

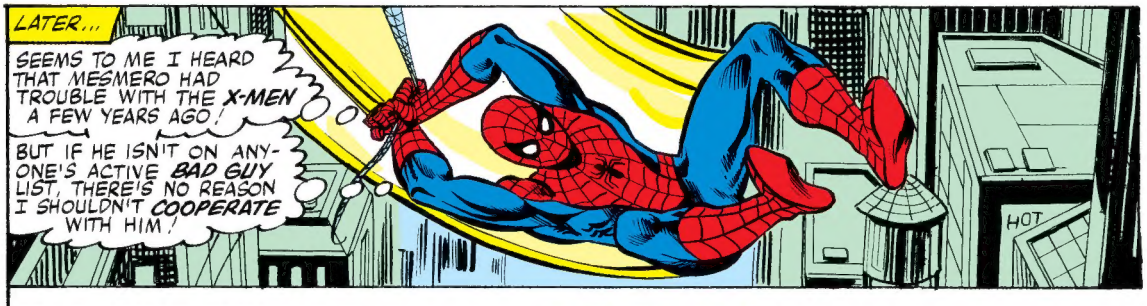

MEANWHILE, IN AN ALLEY BEHIND THE THEATER...
I HATED TO SHOO DEBBIE AWAY! I'M BEGINNING TO HAVE A REAL FEELING FOR THE GIRL!
BUT MESMERO MENTIONED PROFIT--


--WHICH CATCHES MY ATTENTION IN A BIG WAY! AUNT MAY'S DOCTOR BILLS ARE TAKING EVERY CENT I CAN EARN!
I GOT THE TICKETS FOR TONIGHT'S DISASTER FREE FROM THE GLOBE!

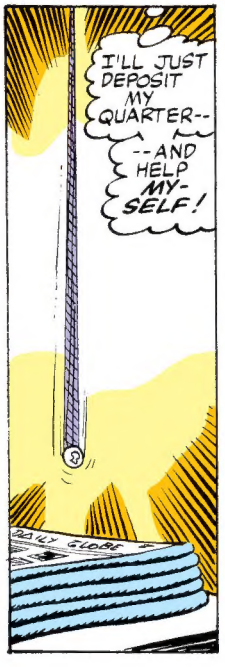

HIYA, SHOWMAN!
AH, SPIDER-MAN! YOU HAVE ARRIVED!

EXCUSE MY COMING IN THE SERVANT'S ENTRANCE! I WAS AFRAID I'D GET HASSLED BY ADMIRING HORDES OUT FRONT!
YOU JOKE?
PROBABLY!


WHAT'S YOUR PROPOSITION, MEZZY?
I'D LIKE YOU TO SHARE THE SPOTLIGHT WITH ME!
LYRIC
MESMER
PERFORMS
I'LL PAY YOU FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS A WEEK TO DO A FIFTEEN MINUTE SPECIALTY IN MY SHOW!
SOUNDS GOOD!
INCIDENTALLY, WILL YOU PLEASE STAND NORMALLY. I DESPISE GRAND-STANDERS!
A THOUSAND PARDONS, EFFENDI! OR AS MR. MARTIN WOULD SAY... EXCUUUUUSE ME!
ANYWAY, I'LL CONSIDER YOUR DEAL! HOW ABOUT WE MEET TOMORROW AT SIX?
I WILL BE EXPECTING YOU!


LATER...
SEEMS TO ME I HEARD THAT MESMERO HAD TROUBLE WITH THE X-MEN A FEW YEARS AGO!
BUT IF HE ISN'T ON ANY-ONE'S ACTIVE BAD GUY LIST, THERE'S NO REASON I SHOULDN'T COOPERATE WITH HIM!
HOT

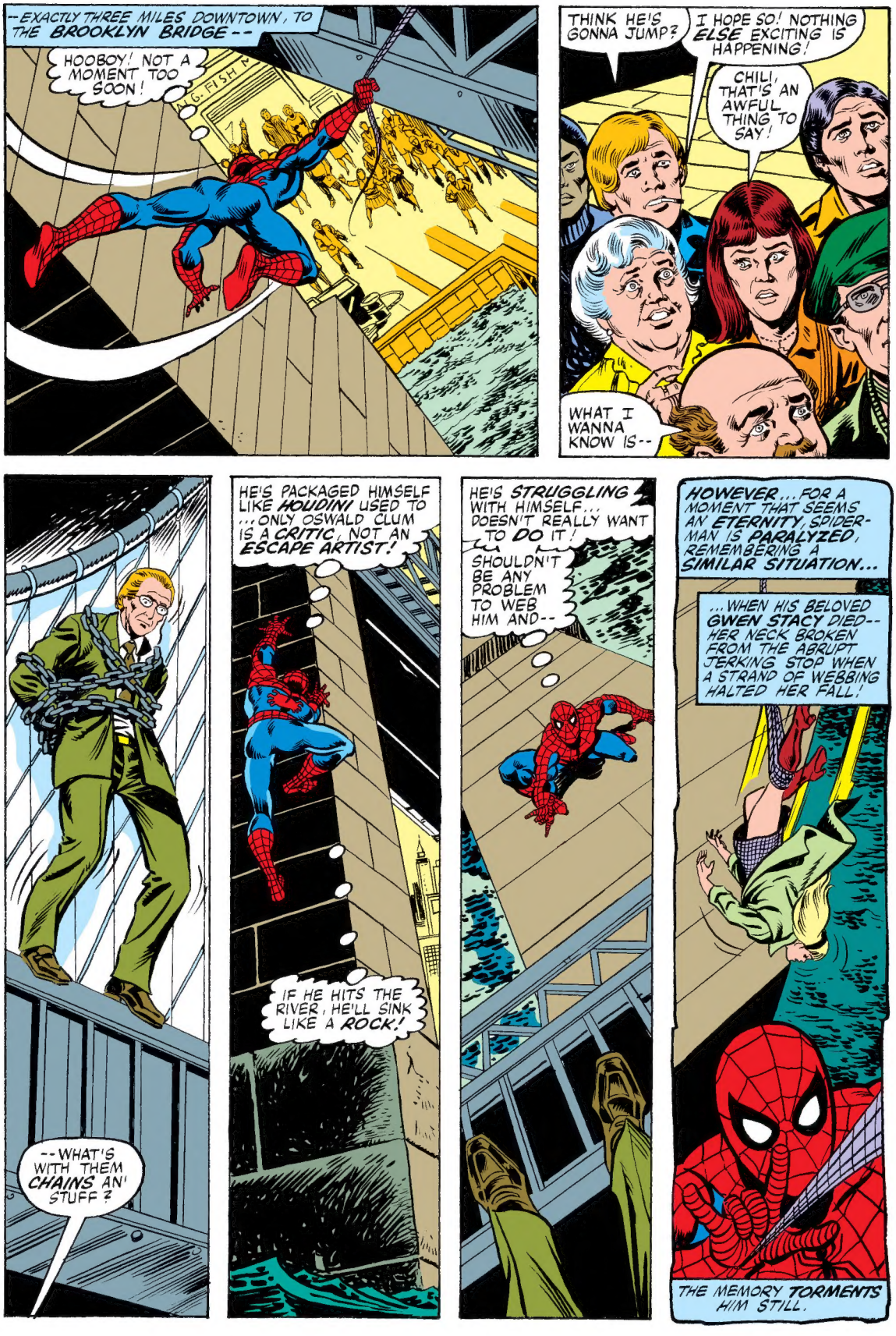
GETCHA PAPERS!
I WON'T BOTHER THE OLD GUY!
NEWSPAPE

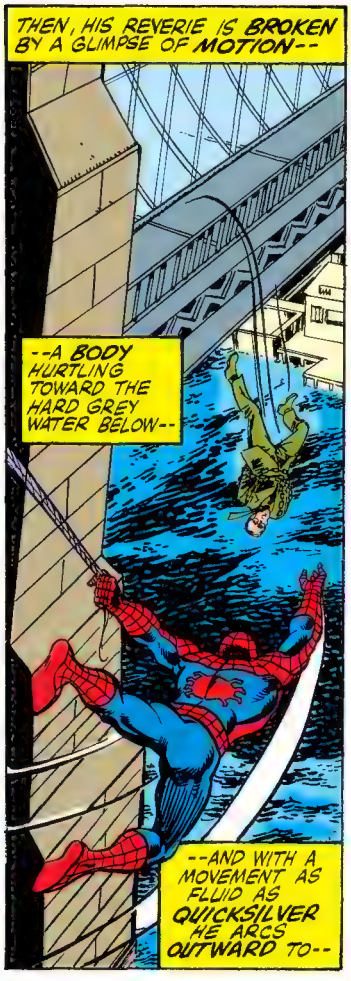

I'LL JUST DEPOSIT MY QUARTER--
--AND HELP MY-SELF!
DAILY GLOBE

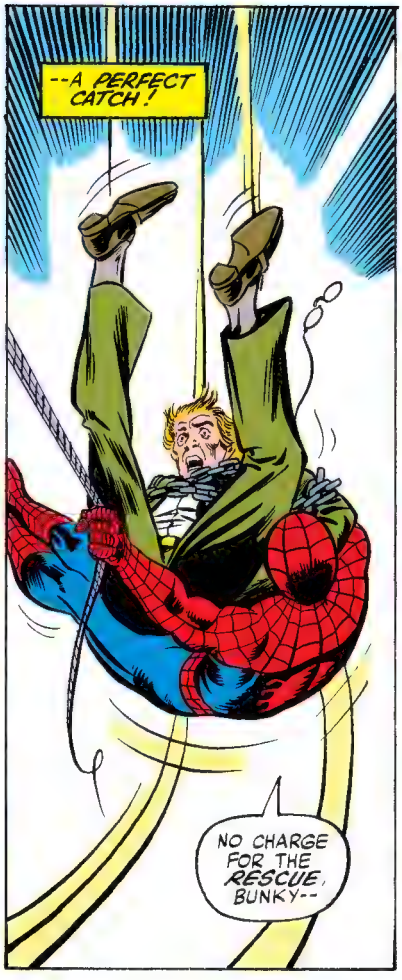
SHEESH! THE GLOBE'S REVIEWER REALLY PANNED MESMERO!
DAILY GLOBE
SPIDER MAN
"A DISGRACE THAT SUCH GARBAGE SHOULD APPEAR IN A BROADWAY THEATER--!"

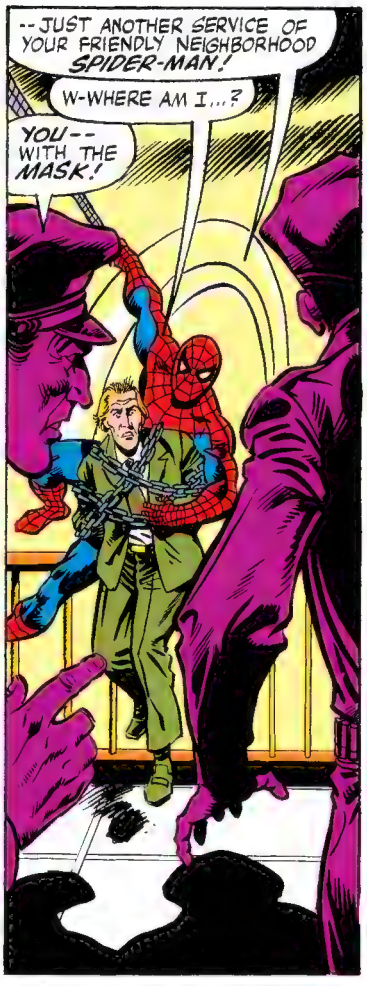
"--ESPECIALLY IN OUR PRESUMABLY ENLIGHTENED TIMES, MESMERO REPRESENTS THE WORST OF THE VAUDEVILLE TRADITION --A CHARLATAN AND A BLUNDERER!"
THIS SO-CALLED CRITIC IS A POSTURING FOOL! WORSE...HE'S TRYING TO ENHANCE HIS REPUTATION AT MY EXPENSE!
CHARLATAN AND BLUNDERER, AM I?!
HE'LL PAY... WITH HIS WORTHLESS LIFE!
EARLY THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON, AT THE OFFICES OF THE NEW YORK GLOBE...
GLOBE
HEY, WAIT!
I COULD'VE SWORN THAT WAS MESMERO!
OH, WELL, I'D BETTER DELIVER THESE PICTURES TO BUSHKIN AND--
UHN... WATCH THE HECK WHERE YOU'RE GOING--
OH, SORRY, MISTER CLUM! I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE--!
HE'S WALKING RIGHT PAST ME... LIKE A ZOMBIE!
HI, PETE!
HI, KAY! WHAT'S WITH THE GLOBE'S CELEBRATED DRAMA CRITIC? HAS HE TAKEN UP SLEEPWALKING?
I DUNNO! HE MUTTERED SOMETHING ABOUT THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE AND SPLIT!
ALL OF A SUDDEN, I AM BOTHERED! SEEING CLUM LIKE THAT TRIGGERED A MEMORY!
YEAH... HE LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE THOSE GUYS ON STAGE THAT MESMERO HYPNOTIZED!
UH-- GOTTA GO NOW, KAY!

SHORTLY...
MESMERO PLUS A ZONKED-OUT CRITIC EQUALS--
--A JOLLY OL' WEB-SLINGER RACING TO THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE--
TROY-
AT THAT MOMENT, AT THE OFFICES OF THE DAILY BUGLE--
OKAY, FOLKS, LET'S SEE WHAT WE'VE GOT!
DAILY BUGLE
WE NEED A FRONT-PAGE LEAD! MATT, YOUR DEPARTMENT HOT?
COLDER'N A MOTHER-IN-LAW'S KISS, ROBBIE!
I SUPPOSE YOU GENTLEMEN CALL THIS A NEWSPAPER?
JONAH! WE THOUGHT YOU WERE STILL IN THE HOSPITAL!
YOU THOUGHT WRONG, ROBERTSON! NO PUNK LIKE JONAS HARROW CAN KEEP J. JONAH JAMESON OUT OF THE ACTION!*
*THE MATTER WAS SETTLED LAST ISSUE. --JUDICIOUS AL.
NOW... TO BUSINESS! I FEARED THE WORST --AND I WAS RIGHT! IN MY ABSENCE, THE BUGLE HAS BECOME A NAMBY-PAMBY RAG--
--NOT FIT TO WRAP FISH IN... OLD FISH!
TO YOUR DESKS YOU BLITHERING INCOMPETENTS! I'M TAKING OVER!
HALLELUJAH! WE'RE BACK TO NORMAL!
REGRETFULLY, WE MUST LEAVE THIS TOUCHING REUNION AND TRAVEL--

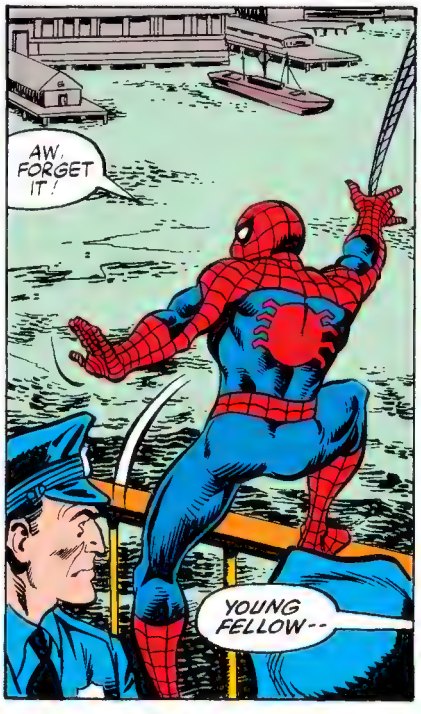

--EXACTLY THREE MILES DOWNTOWN, TO THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE--
HOOBOY! NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON!
THINK HE'S GONNA JUMP?
I HOPE SO! NOTHING ELSE EXCITING IS HAPPENING!
CHILI, THAT'S AN AWFUL THING TO SAY!
WHAT I WANNA KNOW IS--
--WHAT'S WITH THEM CHAINS AN' STUFF?
HE'S PACKAGED HIMSELF LIKE HOUDINI USED TO ...ONLY OSWALD CLUM IS A CRITIC, NOT AN ESCAPE ARTIST!
IF HE HITS THE RIVER, HE'LL SINK LIKE A ROCK!
HE'S STRUGGLING WITH HIMSELF... DOESN'T REALLY WANT TO DO IT!
SHOULDN'T BE ANY PROBLEM TO WEB HIM AND--
HOWEVER... FOR A MOMENT THAT SEEMS AN ETERNITY, SPIDER-MAN IS PARALYZED, REMEMBERING A SIMILAR SITUATION...
...WHEN HIS BELOVED GWEN STACY DIED--HER NECK BROKEN FROM THE ABRUPT JERKING STOP WHEN A STRAND OF WEBBING HALTED HER FALL!
THE MEMORY TORMENTS HIM STILL.

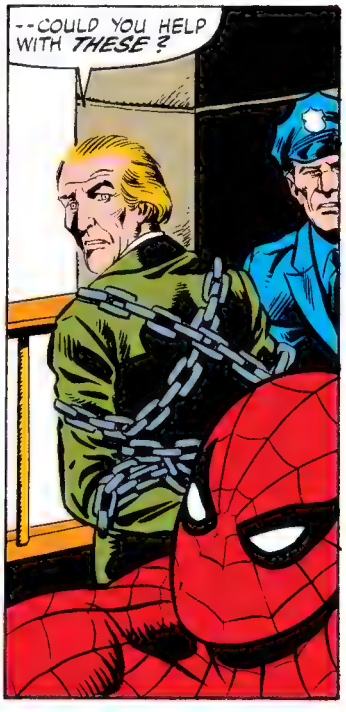

THEN, HIS REVERIE IS BROKEN BY A GLIMPSE OF MOTION--
--A BODY HURTLING TOWARD THE HARD GREY WATER BELOW--
--AND WITH A MOVEMENT AS FLUID AS QUICKSILVER HE ARCS OUTWARD TO--

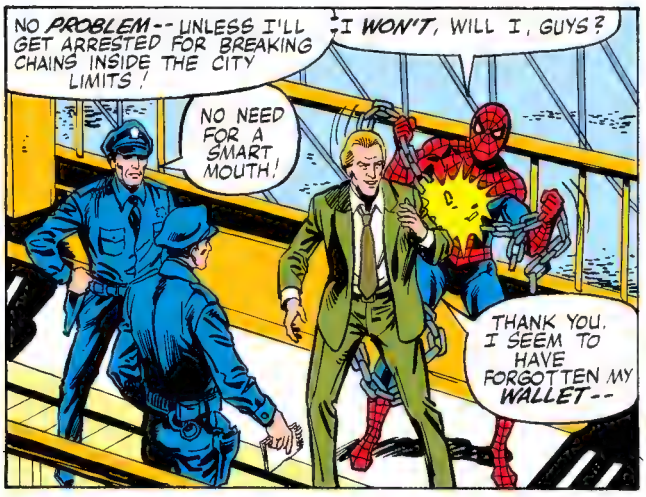

--A PERFECT CATCH!
NO CHARGE FOR THE RESCUE, BUNKY--


--JUST ANOTHER SERVICE OF YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN!
W-WHERE AM I...?
YOU-- WITH THE MASK!

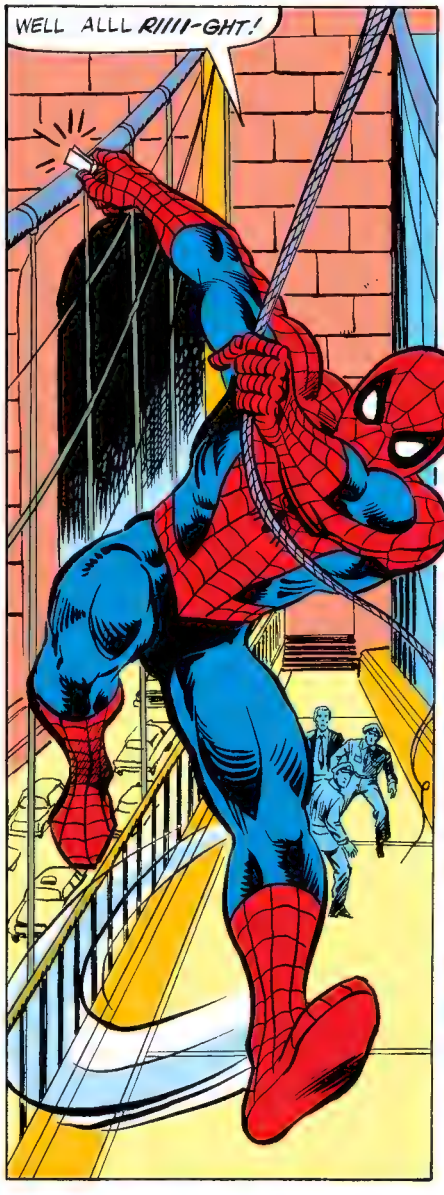
WHO ASKED YOU TO INTERFERE?
WE WOULD HAVE TALKED HIM DOWN!
TALKED--! LISTEN, HE'D ALREADY JUMPED--

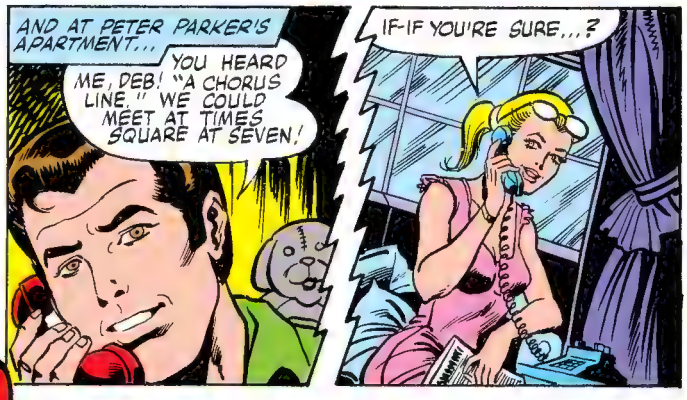

AW, FORGET IT!
YOUNG FELLOW--


--COULD YOU HELP WITH THESE?

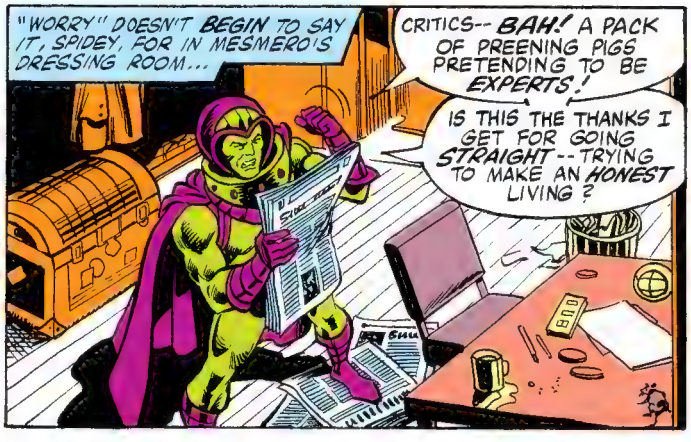

NO PROBLEM-- UNLESS I'LL GET ARRESTED FOR BREAKING CHAINS INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS!
I WON'T, WILL I, GUYS?
NO NEED FOR A SMART MOUTH!
THANK YOU. I SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN MY WALLET--

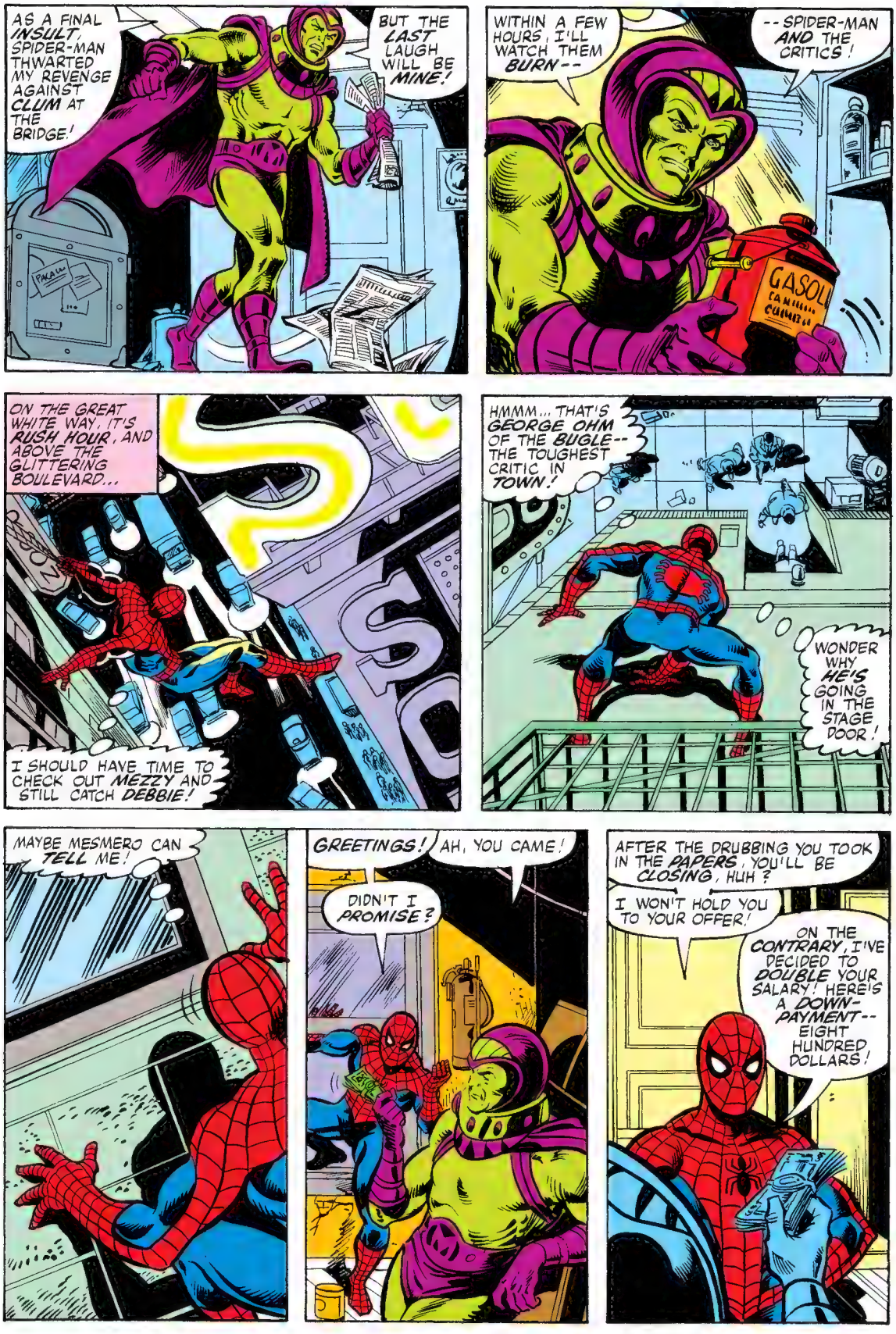
--BUT PERHAPS YOU'LL ACCEPT A PAIR OF TICKETS AS A REWARD!
TO "A CHORUS LINE?" BROADWAY'S BIGGEST HIT? WILL I ACCEPT 'EM?


WELL ALLL RIIII-GHT!

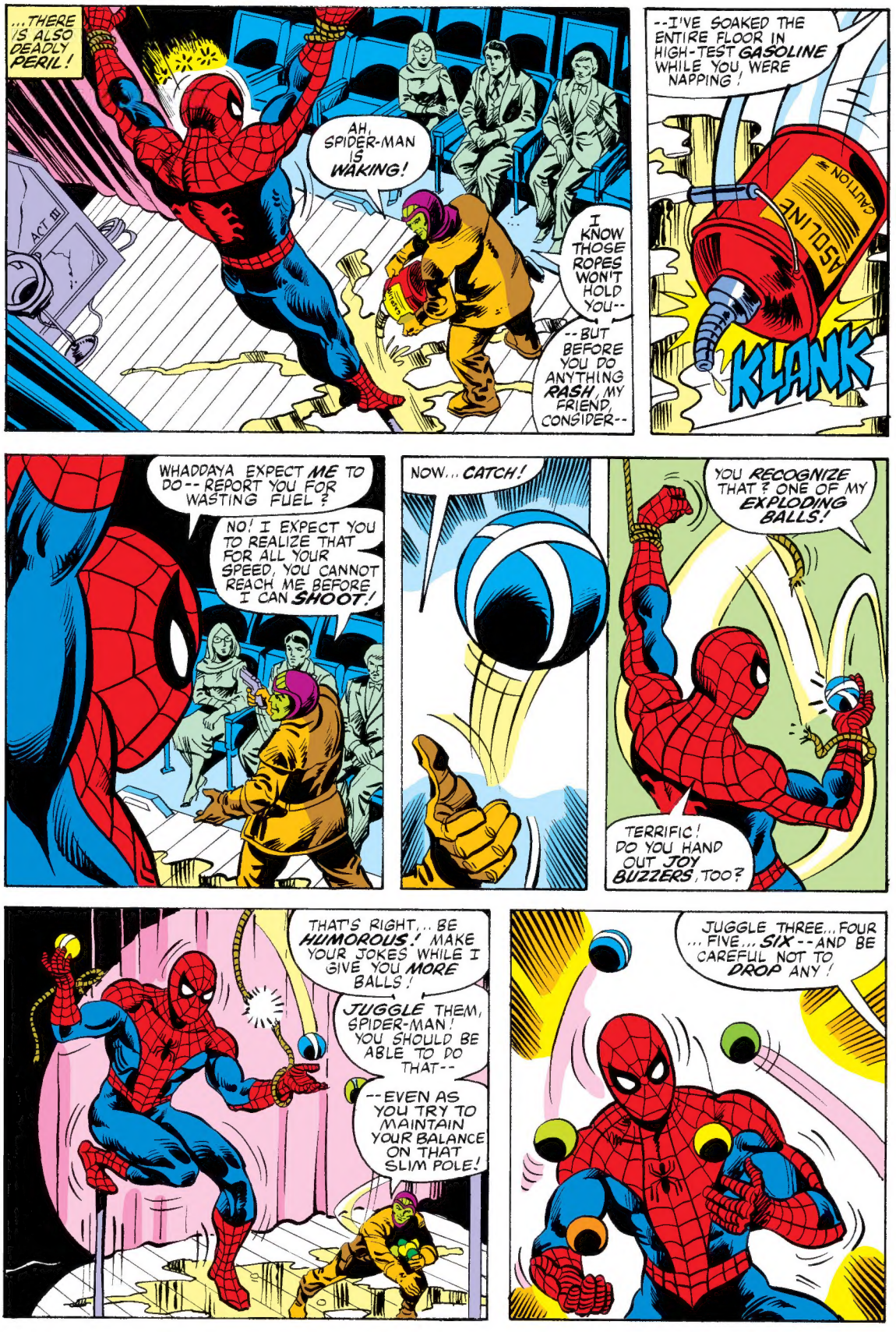

AND AT PETER PARKER'S APARTMENT...
YOU HEARD ME, DEB! "A CHORUS LINE." WE COULD MEET AT TIMES SQUARE AT SEVEN!
IF-IF YOU'RE SURE...?

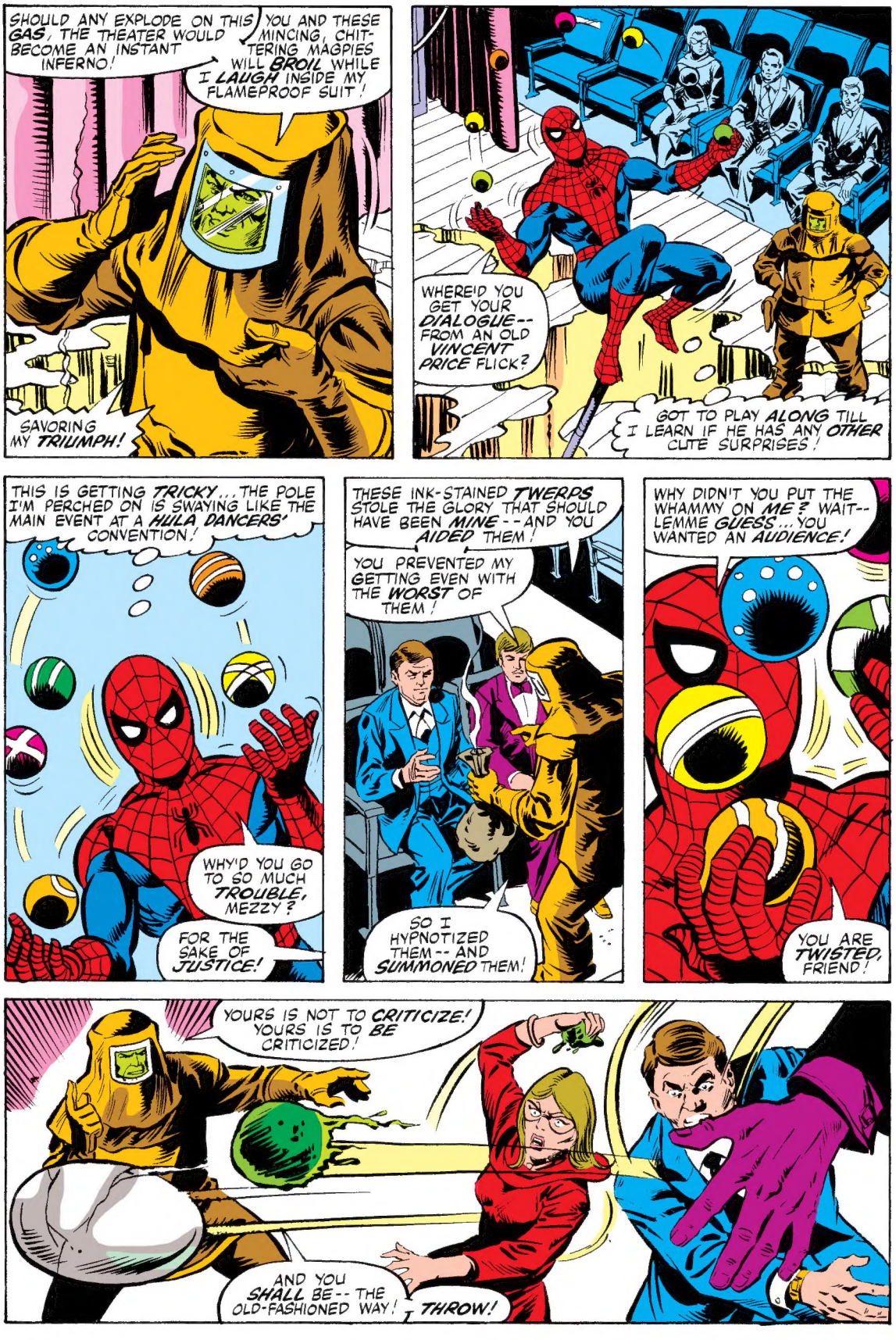
POSITIVE!
THEN I'D BE DELIGHTED!
BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU SEEN MESMERO'S REVIEWS? DREADFUL! JUST WHAT HE DESERVED!
THAT'S HIS WORRY! SEE YOU AT SEVEN!

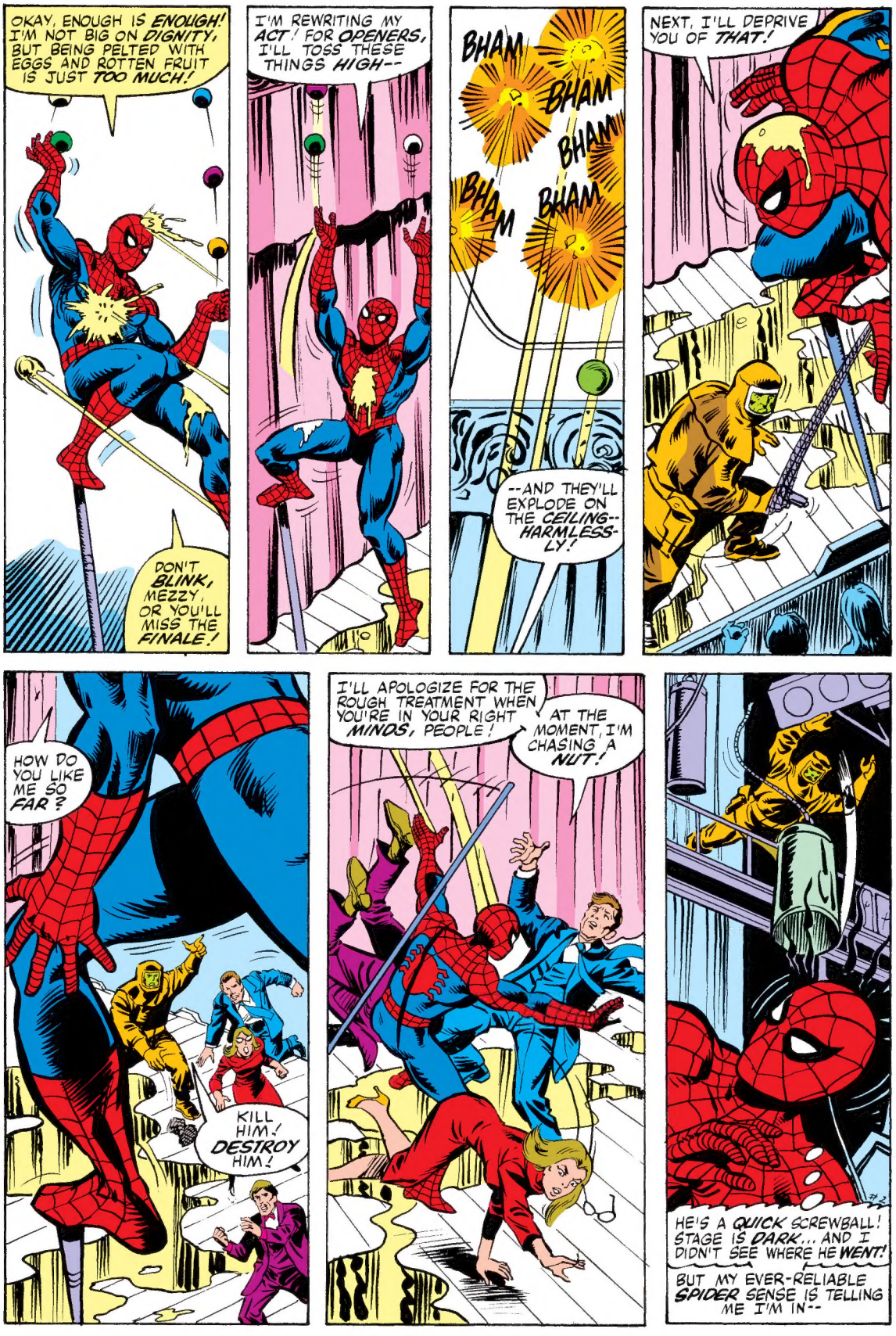

"WORRY" DOESN'T BEGIN TO SAY IT, SPIDEY, FOR IN MESMERO'S DRESSING ROOM...
CRITICS-- BAH! A PACK OF PREENING PIGS PRETENDING TO BE EXPERTS!
IS THIS THE THANKS I GET FOR GOING STRAIGHT--TRYING TO MAKE AN HONEST LIVING?


AS A FINAL INSULT, SPIDER-MAN THWARTED MY REVENGE AGAINST CLUM AT THE BRIDGE!
BUT THE LAST LAUGH WILL BE MINE!
WITHIN A FEW HOURS, I'LL WATCH THEM BURN--
--SPIDER-MAN AND THE CRITICS!
GASOLI
ON THE GREAT WHITE WAY, IT'S RUSH HOUR, AND ABOVE THE GLITTERING BOULEVARD...
I SHOULD HAVE TIME TO CHECK OUT MEZZY AND STILL CATCH DEBBIE!
HMMM... THAT'S GEORGE OHM OF THE BUGLE--THE TOUGHEST CRITIC IN TOWN!
WONDER WHY HE'S GOING IN THE STAGE DOOR!
MAYBE MESMERO CAN TELL ME!
GREETINGS!
AH, YOU CAME!
DIDN'T I PROMISE?
AFTER THE DRUBBING YOU TOOK IN THE PAPERS, YOU'LL BE CLOSING, HUH?
I WON'T HOLD YOU TO YOUR OFFER!
ON THE CONTRARY, I'VE DECIDED TO DOUBLE YOUR SALARY! HERE'S A DOWN-PAYMENT--EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS!

FUNNY-- MY SPIDER-SENSE JUST STARTED TO TINGLE-- WARNING ME OF DANGER! BUT I DON'T SEE--!
AAAGH!
MORON! HE DIDN'T REALIZE THE MONEY CLIP AROUND THE BILLS WAS CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRIC GENERATOR!
IT WAS PERFECTLY HARMLESS UNTIL HE GRASPED IT-- COMPLETING THE CIRCUIT!
HE TOOK ENOUGH VOLTAGE TO KEEP HIM OUT FOR AN HOUR!
WHEN HE AWAKENS, HE WILL FIND HIMSELF THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION -- AT HIS FIRST PERFORMANCE...
...AND HIS LAST!
SIX BLOCKS SOUTH, AT FORTY-SECOND STREET...
ORANGE
PETER'S LATE! WELL I'M DARNED IF I'LL WAIT FOR HIM!
PSSST... MISSY! WANNA BUY SOMETHIN' REAL STINKY?
LEAVE ME ALONE!
RCA
EVERYONE ELSE DOES.
SONY
THEY SAY THERE'S A BROKEN HEART FOR EVERY LIGHT ON BROADWAY...


...THERE IS ALSO DEADLY PERIL!
AH, SPIDER-MAN IS WAKING!
I KNOW THOSE ROPES WON'T HOLD YOU--
--BUT BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING RASH, MY FRIEND, CONSIDER--
--I'VE SOAKED THE ENTIRE FLOOR IN HIGH-TEST GASOLINE WHILE YOU WERE NAPPING!
GASOLINE
CAUTION
KLANK
WHADDAYA EXPECT ME TO DO-- REPORT YOU FOR WASTING FUEL?
NO! I EXPECT YOU TO REALIZE THAT FOR ALL YOUR SPEED, YOU CANNOT REACH ME BEFORE I CAN SHOOT!
NOW... CATCH!
YOU RECOGNIZE THAT? ONE OF MY EXPLODING BALLS!
TERRIFIC! DO YOU HAND OUT JOY BUZZERS, TOO?
THAT'S RIGHT... BE HUMOROUS! MAKE YOUR JOKES WHILE I GIVE YOU MORE BALLS!
JUGGLE THEM, SPIDER-MAN! YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT--
--EVEN AS YOU TRY TO MAINTAIN YOUR BALANCE ON THAT SLIM POLE!
JUGGLE THREE... FOUR ... FIVE... SIX--AND BE CAREFUL NOT TO DROP ANY!


SHOULD ANY EXPLODE ON THIS GAS, THE THEATER WOULD BECOME AN INSTANT INFERNO!
YOU AND THESE MINCING, CHITTERING MAGPIES WILL BROIL WHILE I LAUGH INSIDE MY FLAMEPROOF SUIT!
SAVORING MY TRIUMPH!
WHERE'D YOU GET YOUR DIALOGUE-- FROM AN OLD VINCENT PRICE FLICK?
GOT TO PLAY ALONG TILL I LEARN IF HE HAS ANY OTHER CUTE SURPRISES!
THIS IS GETTING TRICKY... THE POLE I'M PERCHED ON IS SWAYING LIKE THE MAIN EVENT AT A HULA DANCERS' CONVENTION!
WHY'D YOU GO TO SO MUCH TROUBLE, MEZZY?
FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE!
THESE INK-STAINED TWERPS STOLE THE GLORY THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MINE--AND YOU AIDED THEM!
YOU PREVENTED MY GETTING EVEN WITH THE WORST OF THEM!
SO I HYPNOTIZED THEM-- AND SUMMONED THEM!
WHY DIDN'T YOU PUT THE WHAMMY ON ME? WAIT-- LEMME GUESS... YOU WANTED AN AUDIENCE!
YOU ARE TWISTED, FRIEND!
YOURS IS NOT TO CRITICIZE! YOURS IS TO BE CRITICIZED!
AND YOU SHALL BE-- THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY!
THROW!


OKAY, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! I'M NOT BIG ON DIGNITY, BUT BEING PELTED WITH EGGS AND ROTTEN FRUIT IS JUST TOO MUCH!
DON'T BLINK, MEZZY, OR YOU'LL MISS THE FINALE!
I'M REWRITING MY ACT! FOR OPENERS, I'LL TOSS THESE THINGS HIGH--
BHAM
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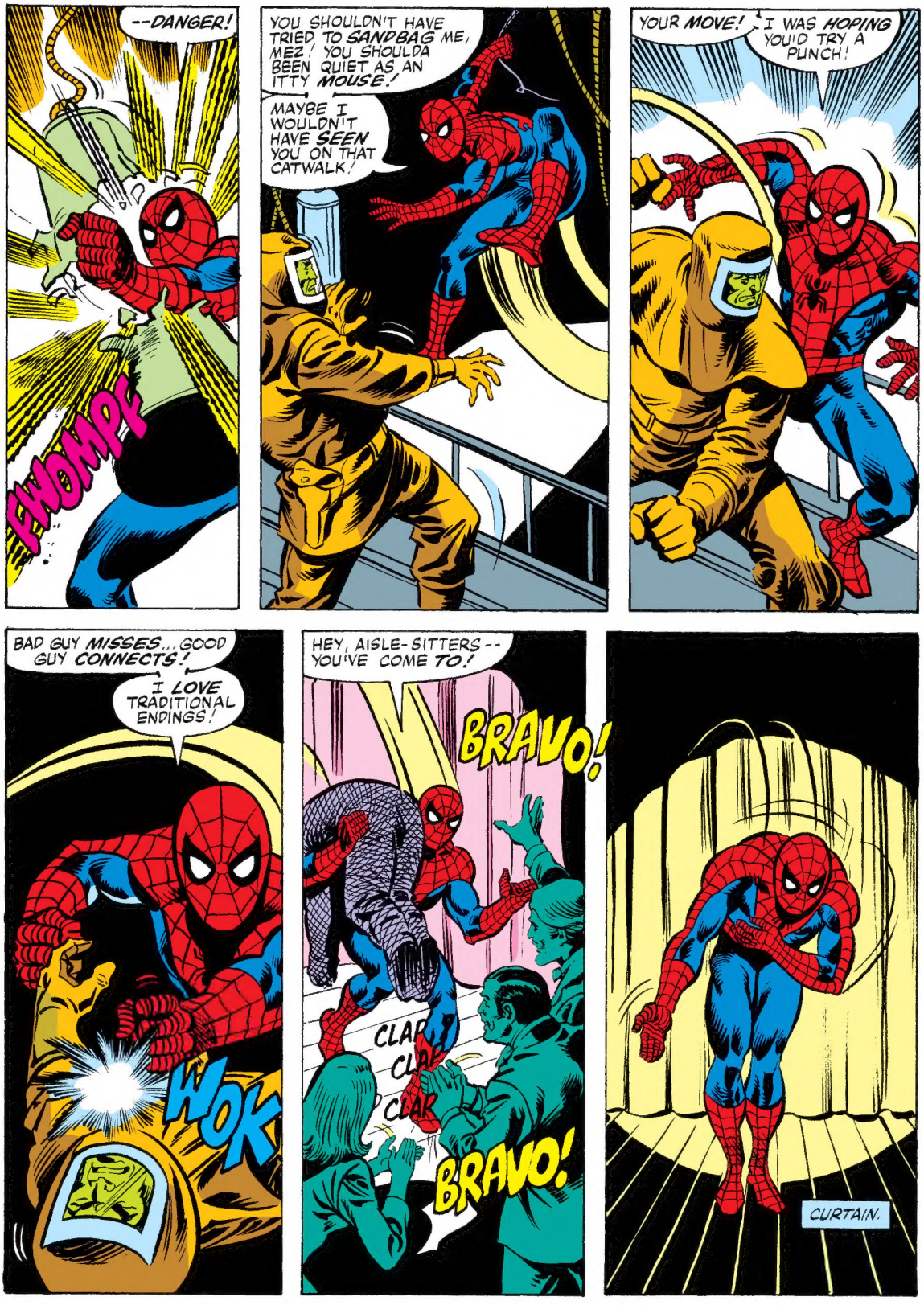
--AND THEY'LL EXPLODE ON THE CEILING--HARMLESSLY!
NEXT, I'LL DEPRIVE YOU OF THAT!
HOW DO YOU LIKE ME SO FAR?
KILL HIM! DESTROY HIM!
I'LL APOLOGIZE FOR THE ROUGH TREATMENT WHEN YOU'RE IN YOUR RIGHT MINDS, PEOPLE!
AT THE MOMENT, I'M CHASING A NUT!
HE'S A QUICK SCREWBALL! STAGE IS DARK... AND I DIDN'T SEE WHERE HE WENT!
BUT MY EVER-RELIABLE SPIDER SENSE IS TELLING ME I'M IN--



NEXT ISSUE: THE **UNLIKELIEST** MENACE SPIDEY HAS EVER FACED... AND POSSIBLY THE **DEADLIEST!** BE WITH US WHEN THE WEB-SLINGER MEETS **FUSION,** AND PREPARE YOUR SPINE FOR SOME HEAVY TINGLING!